(b) the details of funds released, so far, for the purpose during this period?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs allotted four tribal residential schools to Assam at the rate of Rs. 2.5 crore each and an advance of Rs. 2.0 crore was released in 1997-1998 under Article 275(1) of the Constitution for construction of two schools. No funds have thereafter been released due to inadequate progress in implementation of the scheme by the State Government.

Fate of medical students from Jammu and Kashmir

*386. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government vide its Order U-12012/23/99-MECP, dated the 8th December, 2000, had directed the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to accommodate 67 medical students from Jammu and Kashmir who faced serious crises due to closing down of Public Research Institute of Multiplex Education (PRIME) Medical/ Dental College in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the Medical Council of India had granted permission to the students to join the regular classes in Medical and Dental Colleges in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the cancellation of their earlier order?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) A private promoter namely, Public Research Institute of Multiplex Education, Budgaon, Srinagar, had applied for establishment of a new medical college in July, 1997. The proposal was found incomplete and returned to the applicant. However, it was found that the college had admitted students during 1995—1997 without obtaining the permission from the Central Government as required by the MCI regulations. The State Government of J&K through their communications in May, August and October, 2000, requested the Central Government seeking adjustment of 53 students of MBBS and 14 BDS students of the erstwhile PRIME medical college in the existing 3 medical and 1 dental colleges in the State in excess of the approved capacity. The proposal of the State Government was examined in the Department of Health and a scheme was communicated to the State Government on the 8th December, 2000 adjusting students of the erstwhile PRIME medical college

in the Govt. Medical Colleges of the State by suitably neutralising the admissions by reducing the intake capacity of the Government colleges over a period of time. By accepting the scheme, the State Government had issued necessary orders on 20th December, 2000, for adjusting the erstwhile students of PRIME medical college. A letter was, however, received on 2nd Feb., 2001 from the State Government seeking cancellation of these admissions. The Department of Health has acceded to the request of the State Government and the scheme offered for adjustment of students was withdrawn on 28th February, 2001.

Delay in disinvestment of Indian Airlines, VSNL and Hindustan Copper

*387. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disinvestment in Indian Airlines, VSNL and Hindustan Copper faces further delay as Government are planning to hold up financial bidding till the eligibility guidelines are finalized for disqualifying tainted companies; and

(b) if so, the likely impact of such delays on achieving the disinvestment targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Government has already finalized the guidelines prescribing the qualification criteria for the bidders, interested in acquiring the stakes in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under disinvestment. These guidelines have been issued on 13/7/2001.

The scrutiny of the eligibility of the existing bidders, to continue in the disinvestment process in terms of the guidelines, for the on-going disinvestment transactions, including Indian Airlines, Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited and Hindustan Copper Limited, is done simultaneously with the disinvestment process.

Though such scrutiny may result in disqualification of one or more bidders from the different disinvestment transactions, it is not expected to delay the disinvestment process.

(b) Does not arise.